St Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish of Wapping, Archdiocese of Westminster

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

12th March 2023

SAT 11 Mar	6.30pm		People of the Parish
SUN 12	10.00am ▶	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Biddy Sullivan RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		Deceased of the Franey Family
MON 13	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Daniel Michael DeVito (Ints)
TUE 14	10.00am ▶	Lent Feria	Paris Family (Ints)
WED 15	*No Mass*	Lent Feria	
THU 16	6.30pm ▶	Lent Feria	Charles & Kathleen Barnett RIP
FRI 17	6.30pm ▶	**ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, Patron of the Parish**	Aspell Family Living & Deceased
SAT 18	***No Mass***	Lent Feria	
	6.30pm		Helen Clark RIP
SUN 19	10.00am ▶	+ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Canon Digby Samuels RIP Anni.
	6.30pm		People of the Parish

Masses marked ▶ are livestreamed on YouTube: www.youtube.com/rcwapping

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Friday 7.30-8.00pm
(and after Mass, and by appointment)

Church Open for Individual Prayer: Daily 7.00am-8.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday-Friday 7.00-8.00pm

Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 7.00am **Evening Prayer:** Tue-Thur 7.00pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday 7.00pm

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PARISH OFFICE: Tue & Fri 10am-2pm

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FR ANDREW WRITES:

Parish Solemnity of St Patrick

We have a special treat this year, in that the feast of St Patrick falls on a Friday in Lent. As he is patron of our parish, we celebrate his feast as a "solemnity", the most solemn of feast days. There is no fasting and abstinence on solemnities! So, please do honour St Patrick by relaxing your Lenten fast and penance this Friday.

As you know, St Patrick was a Roman Briton, born in the fifth century. At 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping six years later. He was ordained a priest and returned to Ireland to preach the Gospel, with great success. He was consecrated bishop and established the dioceses of Ireland as they remain today. He died 493AD.

The Catholic dockworkers in Wapping were nearly all of Irish descent and so, when Cardinal Manning established the parish here in 1871, it was naturally dedicated to St Patrick. For many years we were called "St Patrick-in-the-East" to distinguish us from the parish of St Patrick, Soho Square. Please offer a prayer to our heavenly patron this week:

Glorious Saint Patrick,
you are honoured as one of the greatest evangelizers
and true defenders of our faith.

Please obtain for me the same zeal for Christ
that enabled you to bring the light of the true faith to all of Ireland.
Intercede for me and place my special intentions before Christ, especially:
(State your intentions here.)

May my petition receive a favourable response
if it be for the greater honour and glory of God and my own soul.

Saint Patrick, through your faith and hard work
you succeeded in spreading Christianity.
Obtain for me the grace to joyfully take up my own responsibility
to evangelize in the name of Jesus Christ and the holy Catholic Church.

Our Father… Hail Mary… Glory Be…
Saint Patrick, Evangelist, Patron of Ireland and Patron of Wapping, pray for us.
Amen.

Entrusting you all to Our Blessed Lady and St Patrick this week, Fr Andrew.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

PARISH NOTICES

Planned Giving Drive – This is the second of three weekends in which we are sharing with you details of our parish finances. There are leaflets to collect at the back of church. This weekend a member of the parish finance committee will speak at the end of the Sunday Masses.

Thanks to Fr Ray Warren OMI, from English Martyrs, Tower Hill, for celebrating the Masses this weekend. Fr Andrew is away at Allen Hall Seminary for the "Selection Conference", at which this year's prospective seminarians will be interviewed. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the candidates and selectors.

No Saturday 10am Mass. Saturday evening Mass will be celebrated as usual.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays in Lent, 7.00pm (after the evening Mass).

St Patrick's Celebration – The feast of St Patrick is Friday 17th March. We will mark the feast on Sunday 19th March with a reception after the 10am Mass in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

Confessions in Lent – Fr Andrew will be available for Confession during the Holy Hour, after Stations of the Cross, 7.30-8.00pm, on Friday 17th March, Friday 24th March and Friday 31st March. You can also ask him after Mass any day, or arrange for another time by phoning or emailing him.

Lenten Alms (Jesuit Refugee Service) – As usual, our parish is nominating the Jesuit Refugee Service, based here in Wapping, as the recipient of our Lenten almsgiving. In Lent we fast, pray and give alms. You may have your own almsgiving project in mind, but if not, the money box nearest the sacristy door is for Lenten alms donations. More information about the work of JRS: jrsuk.net

Interested in Catholic faith? The Christian Discovery Group – A gentle introduction to the Creed: the basic statement of Catholic Christian faith. For anyone interested in exploring and better understanding Catholic faith, including for those with no Christian background. Meetings on Thursdays, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery. Please register your interest: https://rcwapping.typeform.com/wrcia

REGULAR EVENTS

Bingo for the Over 50s – Next bingo Tuesday 14th March, 12.30pm, Parish Centre.

Church Cleaning – Saturday 18th March, 8.30am (Michelle/Naomi's team). Please do come and help to clean the church if you can.

Christian Discovery Group, for those interested in learning more about Catholic faith – Thursdays, 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

Faith and Life Group – Meets to pray, connect and explore different topics and questions in the rhythm of everyday Christian life. Mainly for those in their 20s and 30s. More information coming soon.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother – Monday 13th March, 7pm, session 3: The Visitation.

Men's Group – Friday evenings, 7pm. Service to the parish and community, a place of welcome and mutual support. For more information, please contact Marc-Henri: 07728 248806.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land will take place from Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November, led by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP, including visits to Galilee, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Flights will be from Heathrow Airport. Costs are £2265 per person sharing, £682 single room supplement. Booking forms are available now from Tangey Tours:

http://www.tangey-tours.com/WHL

Annual Mass for Matrimony – Celebrated by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May, 2.30pm, for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2023 – 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, please ask Fr Andrew to arrange an invitation for you.

Bach's St John Passion, Westminster Cathedral Choir, Thursday 16th March 2023, 7.30pm. Discount for parishioners of 50%. The Cathedral Choir will be accompanied by a period Baroque orchestra and joined by outstanding soloists James Gilchrist and Roderick Williams, and directed by the Cathedral's Master of Music, Simon Johnson. Use the code **SJP50** to obtain the discount:

https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005D88A31F16CD?did=saint50john

Catholic Medical Ethics: A group for medical students and healthcare professionals interested in learning about the Catholic Church's response to difficult ethical questions. Dr Chris Wojtulewicz of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, with other guest academics and professionals, will be leading a seven-week virtual Bioethics lecture series. The lectures take place on Mondays 7-8pm on Teams. To register, or for more information, email Laurence Jasper, Catholic Chaplain at King's College London: laurence.jasper@kcl.ac.uk

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

Bank Transfer/Standing Order (One-off donations or regular standing order):
Account Name: **WRCDT Wapping Sort** Code: **40-05-20 Account** Number: **21255339**
Reference: **Surname and First Initial** (optionally the purpose of the donation)

Online (Credit/Debit Card or PayPal): parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/donate/

Gift Aid – If you are a UK taxpayer, please register for Gift Aid. The parish can claim an additional 25p for every £1 given, at no cost to you. Register by emailing giftaid@rcdow.org.uk



REGULAR NOTICES

Please pray for the sick in the parish, including: Patricia Monehen, Beatrice Bourke, Fraser McDonald, Sabrina Pillai, Maureen & Dennis Franey.

And for the recently departed, including: Adrian Tobin and Kathleen Saunders.

Getting Married? – Six months' notice is required for marriage. If you live in Wapping but are planning to marry elsewhere, even in your home country, you need to see Fr Andrew at least six months beforehand. This is very important!

Foodbank – At the back of church is a box for donations to Bow Foodbank. Foodbanks provide boxes of food to people who would otherwise go hungry for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. We collect donations for Bow Foodbank (non-perishable items only): cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned food, lentils, beans, tea/coffee, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice, toiletries and hygiene products. Why not pick up something extra each week in your shopping and leave it in the box at the back of church when you come to Mass? Thank you!
https://www.bowfoodbank.org/give-food/

Men's Group – We are starting a new Men's Group in the parish, meeting on Friday evenings, 7pm, to be of service to the parish and community, a place of welcome, and

for friendship and mutual support in living the Christian faith as a man. For more information, please contact Marc-Henri: 07728 248806 or email the Parish Office.

Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline – Catholic Listeners is a new confidential listening helpline, set up for those who are returning to the faith. Although not a counselling service, they have a professional team trained on signposting to other services and agencies. They aim to help those in need of a safe space to talk:

0800 448 0704

Financial Resilience and Cost of Living – Some resources to support those struggling with the increased cost of living:

1. **Cost of Living Hub** (Mayor of London): https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub
2. **Energy debts:** https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/
3. **National Energy Action:** Warm and Safe Homes helpline 0800 304 7159
4. **Green Doctors London:** Energy advice https://london.greendoctors.org.uk

Interested in Working for the Church? – The Diocese of Westminster advertises job vacancies for parishes and central services online: rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/

St Joseph's Hospice is the only Catholic hospice in Greater London, available to this parish and everyone across East and North London regardless of background. It serves our community through in-patient care of the terminally ill, Day Hospice for out-patient care and home visits. It is an independent charity run by the Religious Sisters of Charity. For more information: 020 8525 6035 www.stjh.org.uk

Interested in Catholic Faith – If you not a Catholic but interested in finding out more about Catholic faith, please get in touch with Fr Andrew directly.

Caritas Kingsland Saturday Club, for people with learning difficulties and additional needs, and their families. Third Sunday of each month at the church hall of Our Lady and St Joseph, 100a Balls Pond Road, London N1 4AG. For more information contact Gerald McEnery 07989 895257.

Calix Society for Recovering Alcoholics – The Calix Society offers a Catholic ministry to alcoholics in recovery by deepening or rediscovering their faith and sharing the healing mercy of God. Meetings are held every Thursday at the Calix Centre, Church of Our Lady, 54 Lodge Road, NW8 8LA. For details:

www.calixsociety.org.uk | 07762 570361 | calixsjw@btinternet.com

The St Katharine and Wapping Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel has a website: www.skw-wardpanel.org. It contains information and links for reporting anti-social behaviour to Tower Hamlets and the Police, information about Streetlink for reporting

rough sleepers, and local news and upcoming events. We also recommend that Wapping residents register for OWL ('Online Watch Link'), to stay updated with local security advice and information and incident reports: www.owl.co.uk. As a local community, it is good for us to be connected together and to look out for each other.